

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated November 10, 2009. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.113.

Summary of the Examiner's rejections

Claims 1-3, 11, 22-23, and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokupud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631).

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Bovo et. al. (US 2003/0148755).

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Kavanagh (US 2003/0058161).

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Satt et. al. (US 2004/0248583).

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631), Satt et. al. (US 2004/0248583) and Bovo et. al. (US 2003/0148755).

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631), Satt et. al. (US 2004/0248583) and Kavanagh (US 2003/0058161).

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Komandur et. al. (US 7327708).

Claims 12 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Jiang et. al. (US 2002/0044527).

Claims 13, 14, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Chamaytelli et. al. (US 2002/0194325).

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Sen et. al. (US 6208620).

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Johnson et. al. (US 2003/0237016).

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Yokoyama et. al. (US 2004/0243715).

Claims 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Lau et. al. (US 7466652).

Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Nelson et. al. (US 7280803).

Remarks regarding the §103(a) rejections

Applicant has submitted herewith a declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 to overcome the Examiner's closest prior art US 2005/0058161 A1 (Sorokuped) which was used in combination with other references to reject the pending claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31. In view of the 1.131 declaration, Applicant respectfully requests the withdraw of the pending 103 rejections and the allowance of the pending claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the application to be in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant

respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for this paper and the co-filed RCE to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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